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F-2 1. On 22 August 1951, the former concentration camp and the Panzerschule at Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) were occupied by only a rear unit. A few soldiers, who were seen in the billeting area, wore artillery insignia. [REDACTED]

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2. On 22 August, the Oranienburg castle quartered only from 50 to 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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3. About 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were quartered in the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement. [REDACTED]

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(3) Forty-five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia, and carrying baggage, boarded the Loewenberg-bound train at the Oranienburg railroad station on 22 August. (4)

4. No Soviet troops were quartered in the Klinkerwerke just north of the lock for the Hohenzollern Canal on 28 August. One of the southern plant buildings housed a cooperative civilian bakery. (5)

G-2 5. On 27 August, the former concentration camp was occupied by approximately 600 soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. Only one of the gates on Bernauerallee was open. Traffic to the billeting area used the new entrance on the west side of the installation. [REDACTED]

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F-2 6. About 1,000 new recruits arrived at the former concentration camp prior to 27 August. Six officers and 50 recruits were engaged in driving practice with T-34/85 tanks No 8, 11 and 162 in the tank training area. (1) No Soviet troops were noticed in the Klinkerwerk on 24 August. Some German workmen were seen loading scrap iron there. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen arriving at the target range either on foot [REDACTED]

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25X1X [REDACTED] indicated that Colonel Titor (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was the commanding officer of the three AT artillery regiments in the restricted Weisse Stadt area. The colonel lived in Building No 5, first entrance. Colonel Titor was said also to be the superior officer of Lieutenant Colonel Chesnakov (fnu), commanding officer of the rocket launcher unit. Lieutenant Colonel Boshkov (fnu), was identified as being only the deputy commander of the three AT artillery regiments.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

(1) The former concentration camp and the Panzerschule were occupied only by a rear detail of the 25th Tank Div, practicing at Templin, until 22 August 1951. However, two sources simultaneously reported that 600 to 1,000 recruits arrived in the billeting area on 27 August. It is believed that these recruits belong to the 25th Tank Div and, as has been repeatedly observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany, were sent back to the billeting area for driving-school and special training which is impossible to conduct at a troop training grounds. The [REDACTED] are largely assigned to the 25th Tank Div.

25X1C (2) The division headquarters and a signal unit of the 25th Tank Div, which are carried in the Oranienburg castle, were probably at the Templin troop training grounds by 22 August 1951, with the exception of some guard and housekeeping troops.

(3) Components of the unidentified AT artillery brigade and the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army from the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement have been going to Jueterbog for short training cycles since the middle of July. The last train for Jueterbog left on 14 August 1951. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] Most of the [REDACTED] belong to the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army. 25X1C

25X1A (4) Probably rear units of the 25th Tank Div which rejoined their units at the Templin troop training grounds.

25X1A (5) The Klinkerwerke were last reported to have been occupied by about 400 troops in February 1951. See [REDACTED]

25X1A (6) Another source identified Lieutenant General D.G.Boshkov as the commanding general, and Colonel Titor (fnu), as the deputy commander, of the unidentified AT artillery brigade. Chesnakov (fnu), was mentioned in previous reports as being the commanding officer or the deputy commander of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army with the reports never stating his rank. Building No 5 of the restricted area is entered on a sketch attached to a previous report. See [REDACTED]

25X1A (7) Colonel General Barsukov (fnu), is probably the Colonel General M.M.Barsukov who has been known from newspapers and radio broadcasts.

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